

Dr. Philippe FORÊT

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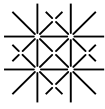
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Profile

Activities: Dr. Philippe Forêt is a senior geographer with an expertise on climate and civilization and a wide range of publications in environmental studies, on modernity in Asia, and in the history of the geosciences. Since 2013, Philippe has co-directed the Environmental Humanities Research Group at the Swiss Academic Society for Environmental Research and Ecology (SAGUF, Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences). At the University of Basel, he leads with Prof. Max Bergman the Social Transitions Research Group. At the University of Zurich, he is a research associate in Prof. Marc Hall's Environmental History Research Group.

Impact: Philippe is one of the founding members of the BRIDGES UNESCO MOST Sustainability Science Coalition, where he represents "Environmental Humanities Switzerland." He has received awards from institutions in ten different countries, from the Swiss National Science Foundation to Harvard (Dumbarton Oaks). The Institute of Advanced Studies of Nantes, the Swedish Collegium in Uppsala, and the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society in Munich have elected him Fellow. His previous affiliations include the Universities of Stockholm and St. Gallen, and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology of Zurich.

Training: Philippe went to the Collège de France and to the University of California at Berkeley for postdoctoral training. The University of Chicago awarded him a PhD for a dissertation on development policy in imperial China. His other degrees are from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology of Lausanne, The New Sorbonne University, and the National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations in Paris. Philippe grew up in Sahel Africa and attended Lycée Lamine Gueye in Dakar, Senegal.



Interests

Leadership and management: University strategy and program development — Innovation and research polices — Transfers of knowledge and expertise — Supervision of academic units and multi-campus projects

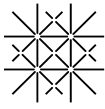
Teaching and research: Asian studies — Environmental geography — Environmental history — Environmental humanities — Social transitions — Sustainability studies

Distinctions and Awards (selection)

2018:	Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Bristol
2017:	Rachel Carson Center, Ludwig-Maximilians University
2011:	Institute for Advanced Studies, Nantes
2007:	Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies
2006:	Gerda Henkel Foundation
2002:	Swiss National Science Foundation

Positions

Since 2020:	<i>Co-Director</i> , Social Transitions Research Group, Department of Social Sciences, University of Basel
Since 2019:	<i>Member</i> , BRIDGES Sustainability Science Coalition (now part of the UNESCO Management of Social Transformations program)
Since 2017:	<i>Member of the Society of Fellows</i> , Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Ludwig-Maximilians University
2015-18:	<i>Professor</i> , Environmental History, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nazarbayev University
Since 2014:	<i>Research Associate</i> , Environmental History Research Group, Department of Evolutionary Biology and Environmental Studies, University of Zurich
Since 2013:	<i>Co-Director</i> , Environmental Humanities Research Group, Swiss Academic Society for Environmental Research and Ecology, Swiss Academy of Arts and Sciences
2009-12:	<i>Visiting Professor</i> , Asian studies, University of Stockholm
2008-09:	<i>Associate Professor</i> , Chinese studies, University of Nottingham
2002-07:	<i>Researcher</i> , Cartography and geoinformation, ETH Zurich
1997-2001:	<i>Assistant Professor</i> , Geography, University of Oklahoma
1995-98:	<i>Assistant Professor</i> , Asian studies, University of Texas, Austin



Degrees

2003:	<i>Certificate of Advanced Studies</i> in higher education, EPF Lausanne
1992:	<i>PhD</i> in geography, Division of Social Sciences, University of Chicago
1984:	<i>MA summa cum laude</i> in Chinese studies. National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations, Paris
1983:	<i>BA</i> in Chinese literature. The New Sorbonne University, Paris III

Memberships (selection)

<i>a</i> ⁺	Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Past Global Changes — Future Earth○ Swiss Academic Society for Environmental Research and Ecology○ Swiss Society of Cartography
<i>BRIDGES</i> :	UNESCO MOST Sustainability Science Coalition
<i>ESEH</i> :	European Society for Environmental History, KTH Stockholm
<i>OSUN</i> :	Open Society University Network: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Decision Making for Climate Accounting Project○ Knowledge Decolonization Program○ Regenerative Cities Initiative

Publications

A full list of Philippe's books, chapters, articles, and lectures (about 180 entries) is available upon request.

Many publications can be downloaded from:

<https://philippeforet.academia.edu/>

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